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YOUR
MAJESTY?
THERE'S
SOMETHING
HERE TO SEE
YOU.



**KING
SCOURGE**

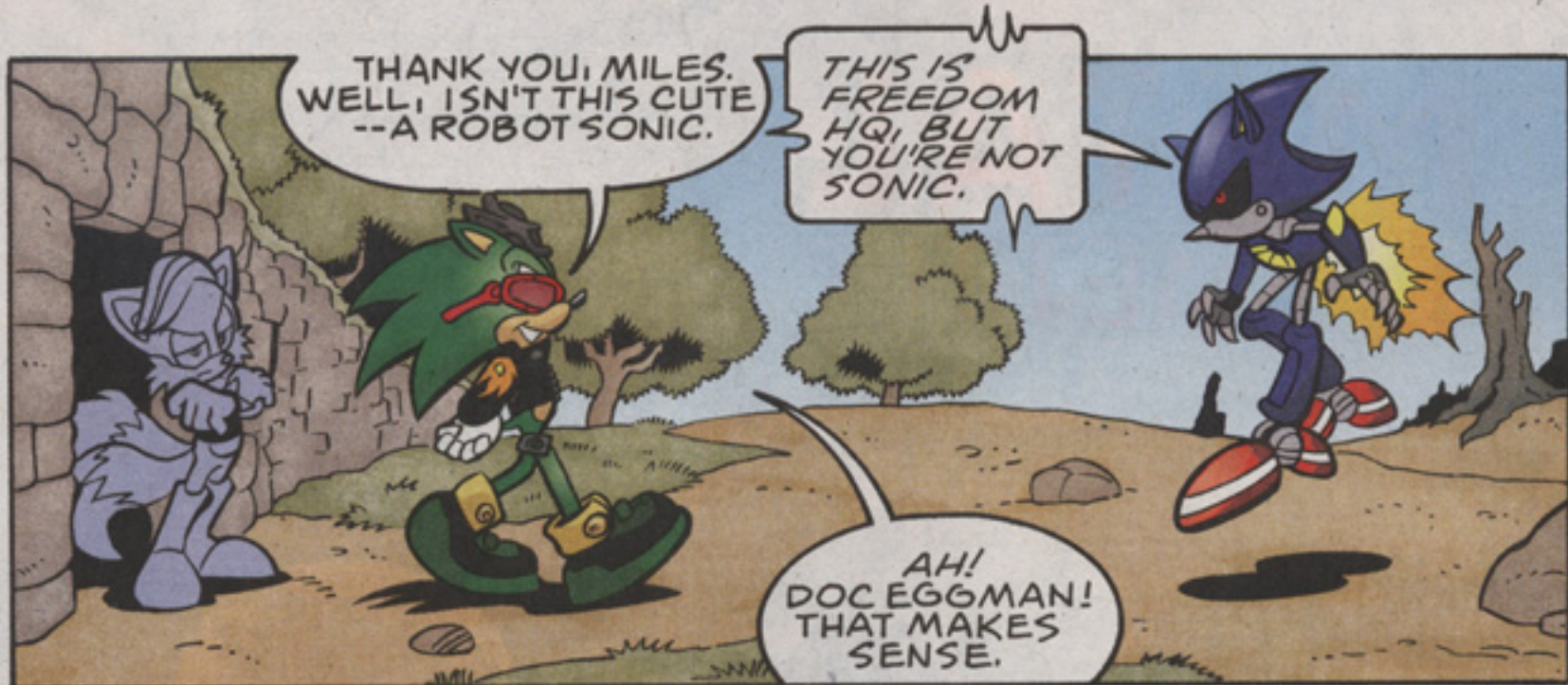
**Invader from
Moebius**

**SONIC
Hero of
Mobius**

**METAL SONIC
Killer Robot
Double**

**JULIE-SU
Knuckles's
Partner**

**KNUCKLES
Troubled
Guardian**



MEANWHILE, IN NEW
MOBOTROPOLIS...

WHAT'S
UP FOR
DEBATE?!
WE'VE RESTED
UP, SO LET'S
GO KICK
SOME INTER-
DIMENSIONAL
BUTT!

SCOURGE
MAY HAVE
CONQUERED
THE ANTI-
MOBIUS...

"MOEBIUS."

...BUT OUR
WORLD IS
DIFFERENT.
HE WON'T
MAKE HIS
GAINS SO
EASILY.

BESIDES, CONSIDERING
THE GAINS WE'VE MADE IN
ROBOTNIK'S CITY,* WE
SHOULD FOCUS OUR
ATTACKS ON HIM. WE CAN
GET FREEDOM HQ BACK
LATER.

*REMEMBER? LAST
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THE VOTE
TO LEAVE
FREEDOM HQ
FOR NOW?

YEA.

NAY.

YEA?

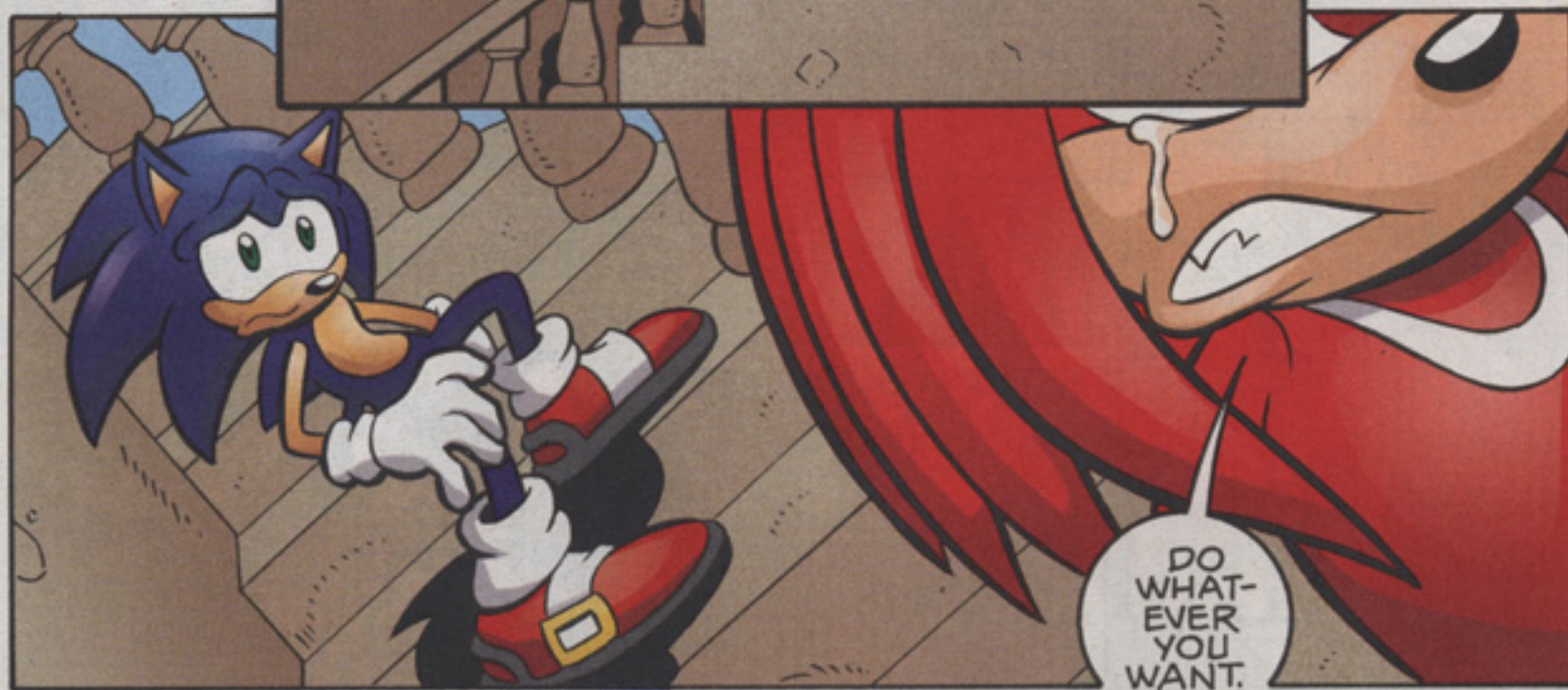
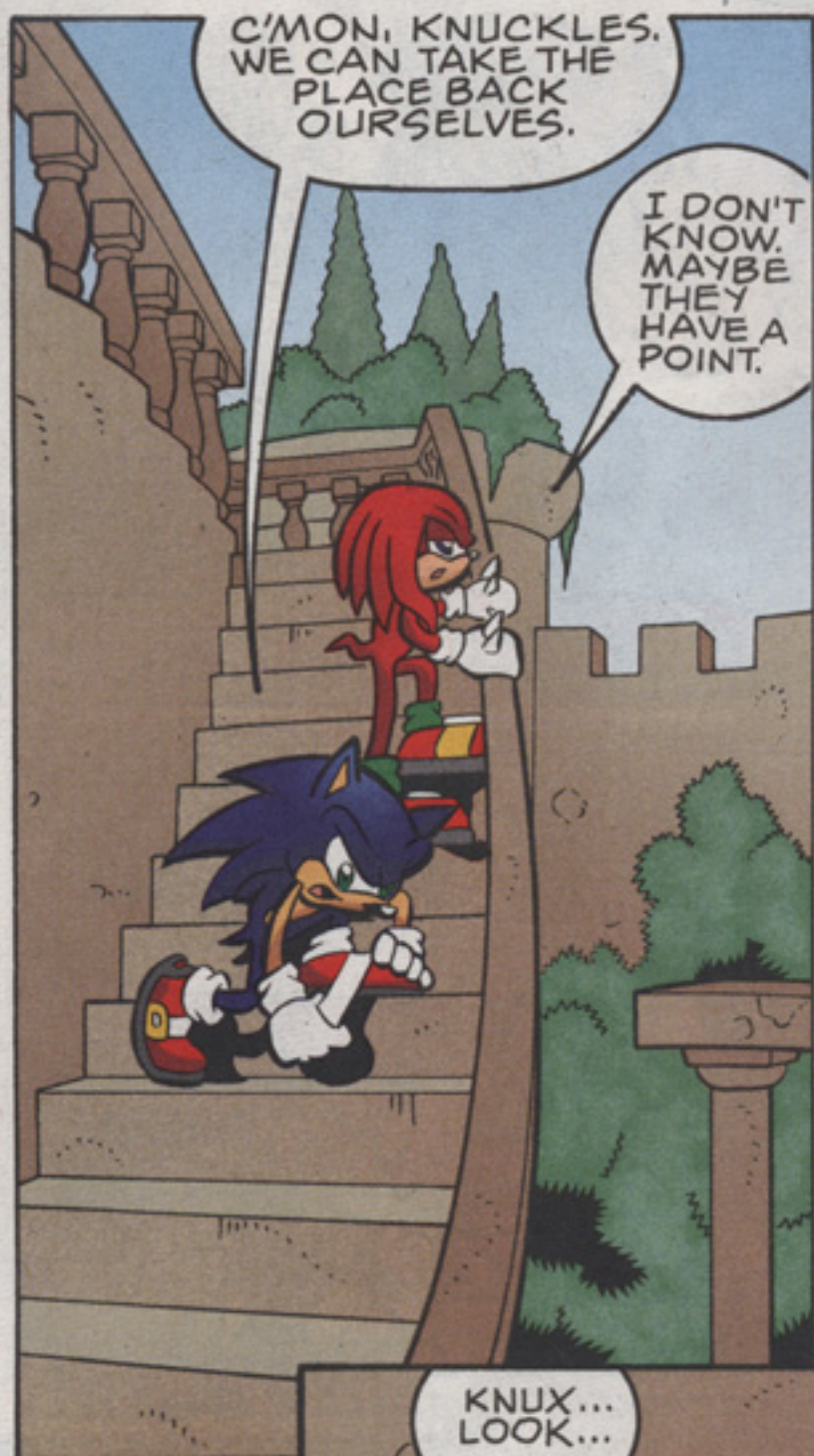
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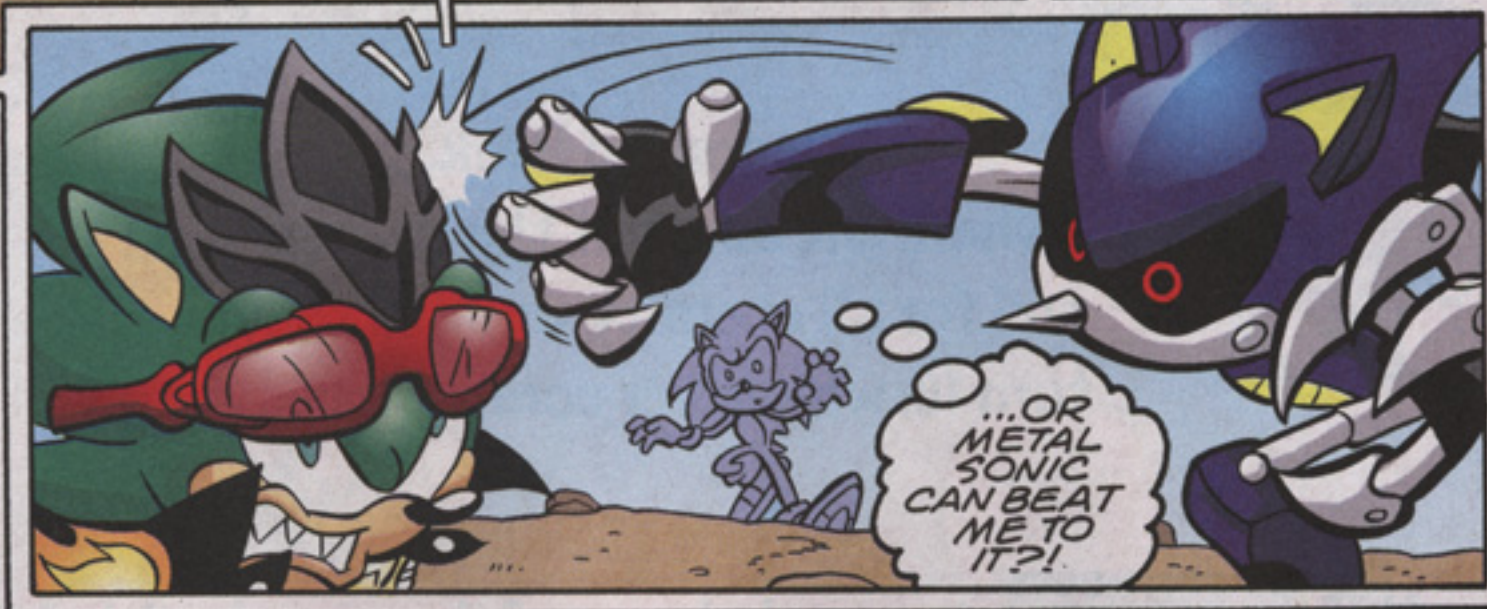
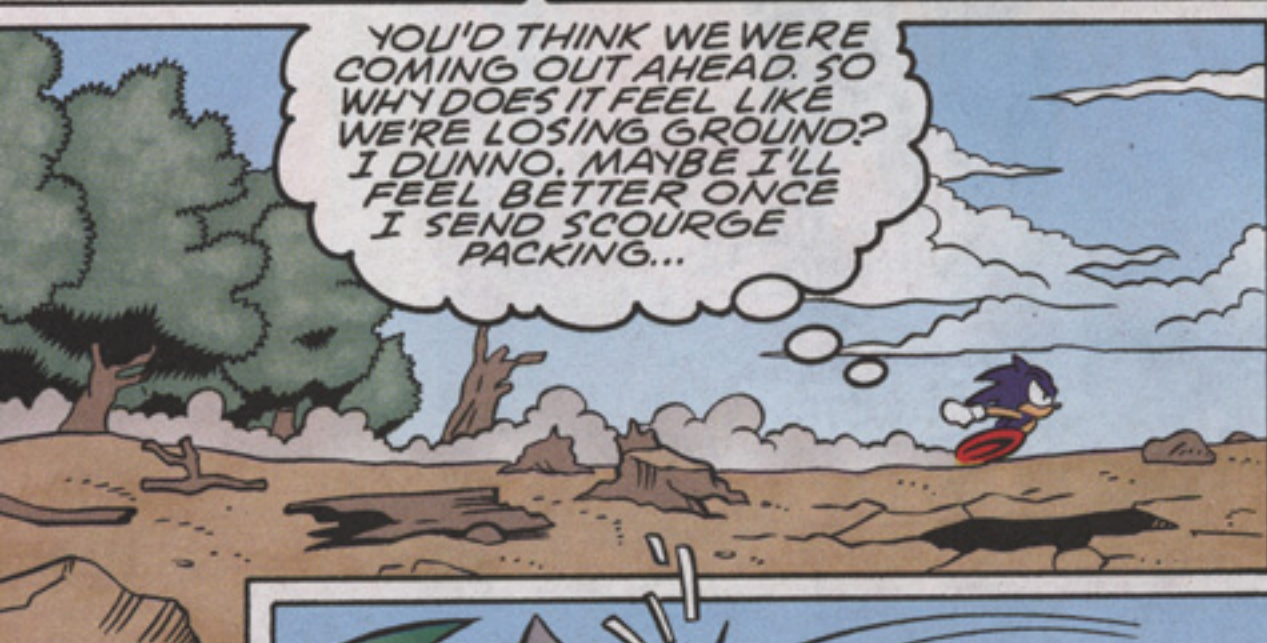
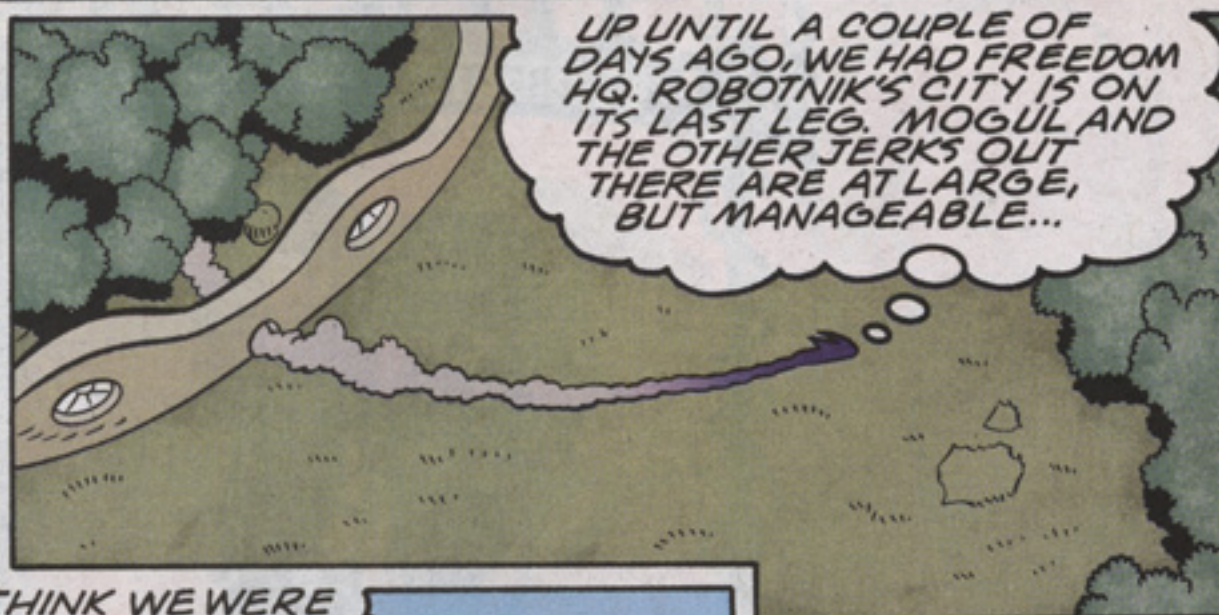
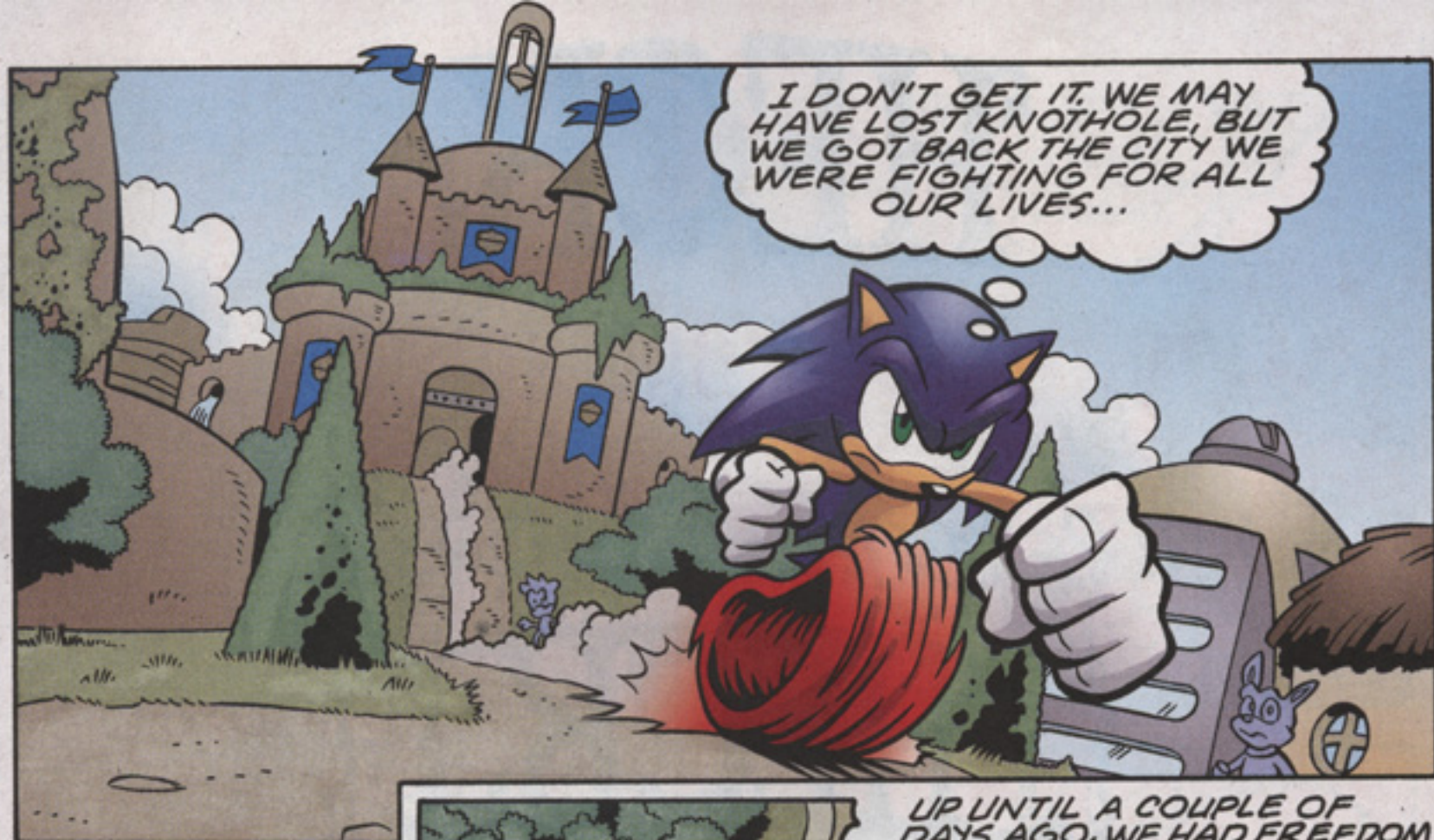
NAY!

YEA.

I'M SORRY,
BUT THE
COUNCIL
VOTES...

YEAH, YEAH.
WE'LL SEE
ABOUT
THAT.







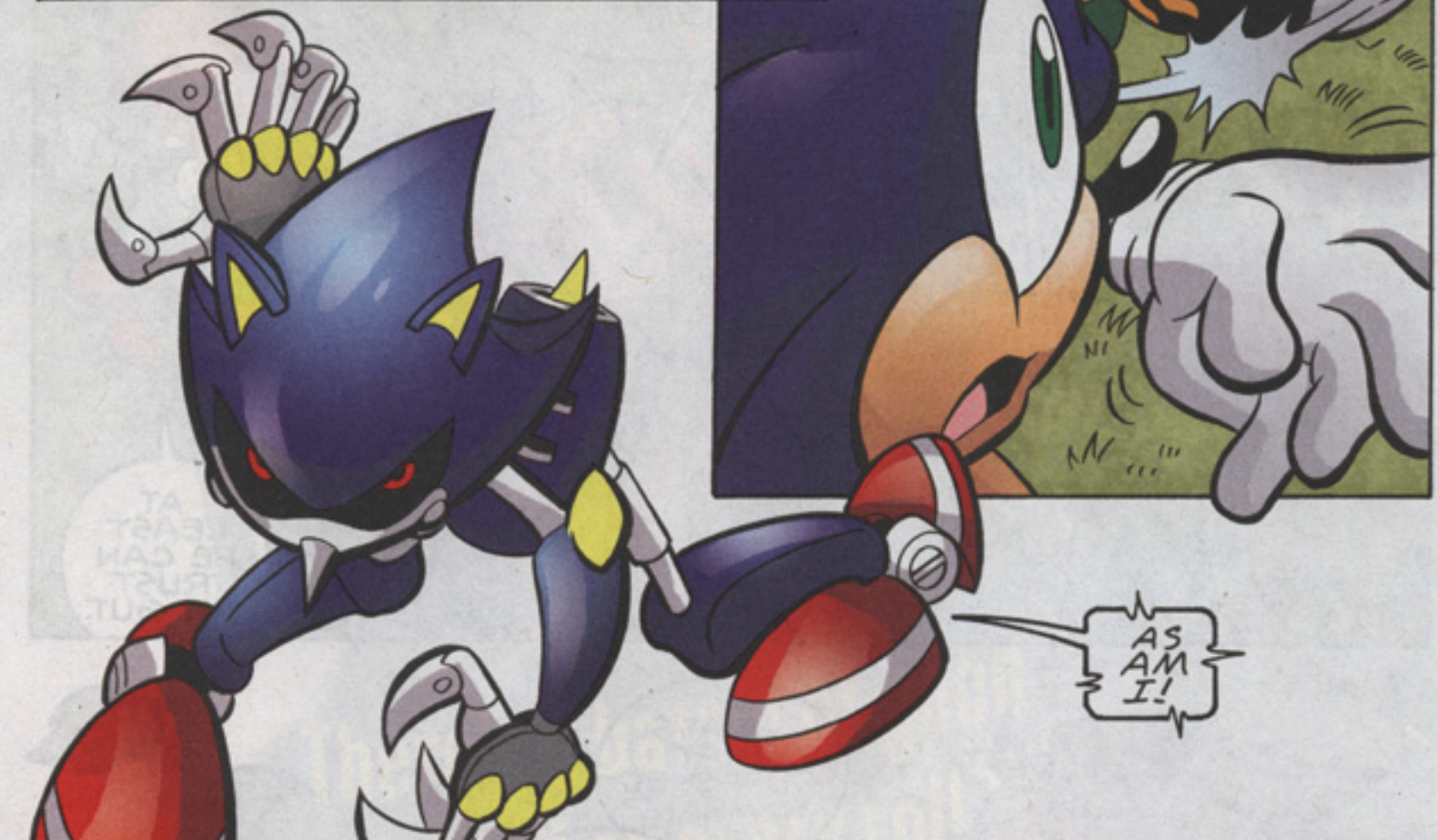
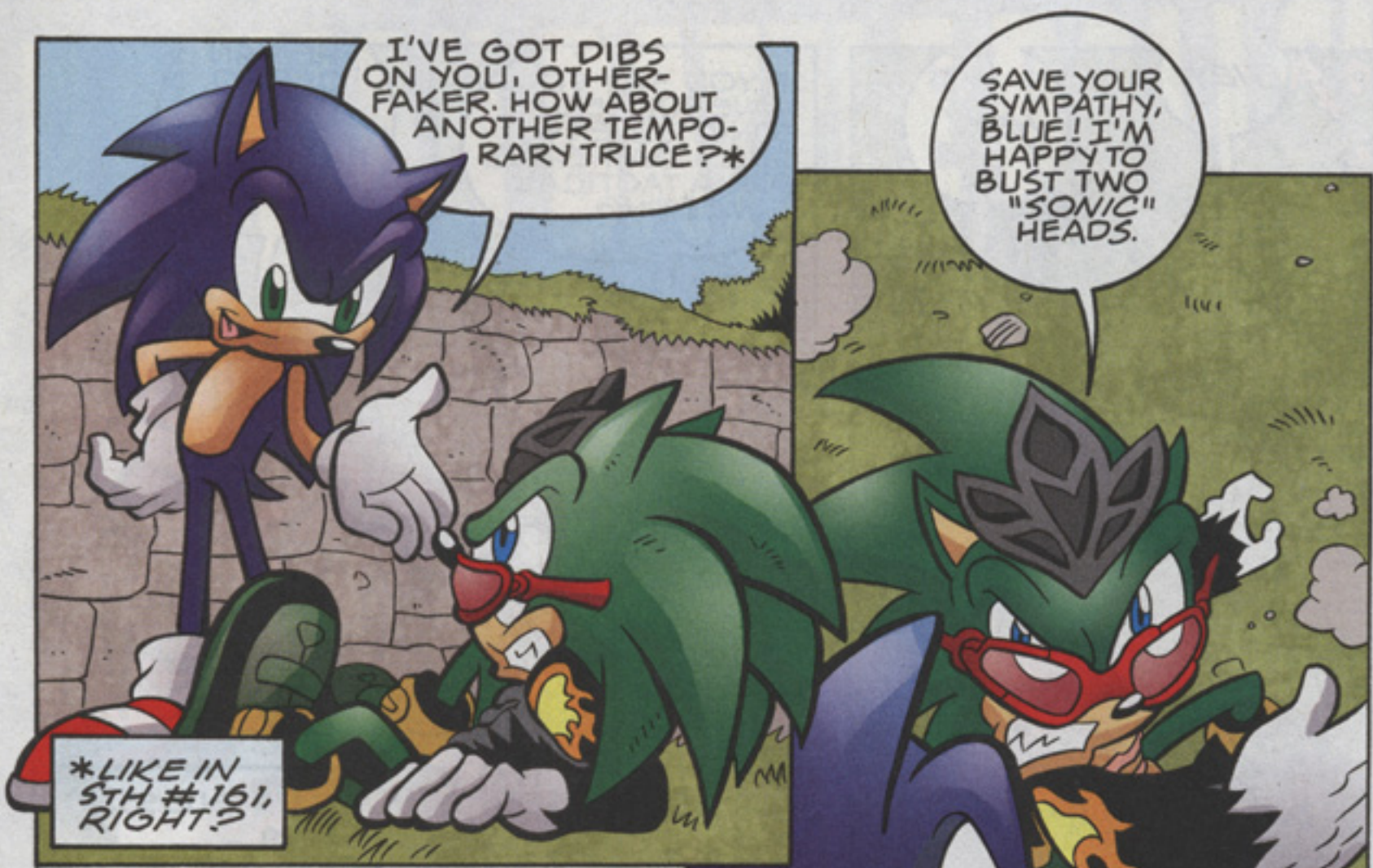
AFTER ALL, YOU CONQUERED OUR WORLD ON YOUR OWN. IF WE HELPED YOU AGAINST ONE ROBOT, WOULD THAT BE UNFORGIVABLY INSULTING?

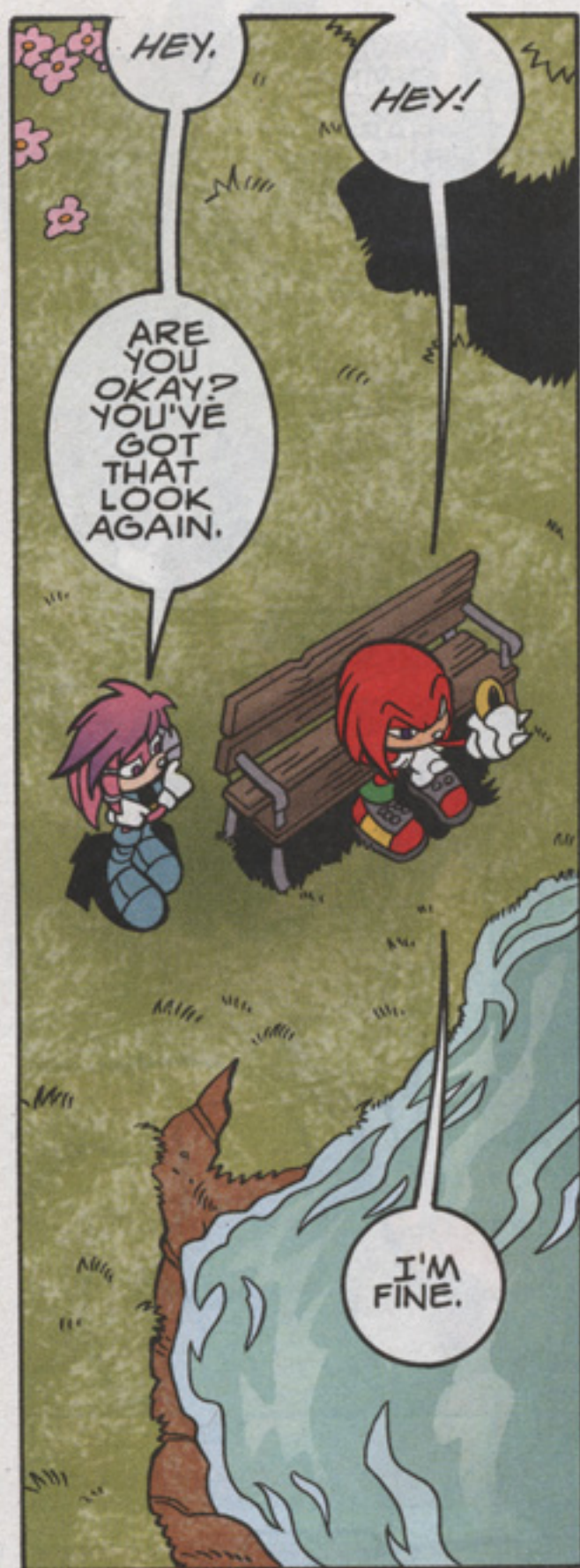
÷GRRHK÷
J-JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!

DON'T MAKE ME BRING THE PAIN! YOU'LL REGRET IT!

"PAIN" HAS NO MEANING TO A ROBOT, RODENT.

YOU SURE, EGGMAN? LET'S TEST THAT!





SO WHAT
DO YOU WANT
ME TO DO?

I LISTEN TO
MY DAD, AND I'M
ALONE FOREVER!
I LISTEN TO
EVERYONE ELSE,
AND I LET ANGEL
ISLAND GET TORN
APART! I LISTEN
TO MYSELF, AND
I MAKE EVERY-
THING WORSE!

KNUX...

DON'T TRY TO
TELL ME THAT
EVERYTHING WILL
WORK OUT! MY
DAD IS GONE!
MY PEOPLE WERE
ALMOST WIPED
OUT! I CAN'T
FACE MY
MOTHER!

I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
TO DO,
AND IT'S
DRIVING
ME
CRAZY!

KNUCKLES!

DON'T YOU DARE THINK
THIS AFFECTS ONLY YOU!
THEY WERE MY PEOPLE,
MY HOME, AND MY FAMILY,
TOO! AND WHAT'S LEFT OF
MY FAMILY IS WORKING
FOR ROBOTNIK!

AND IT'S ALL
MY FAULT!

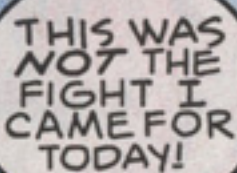
IT'S NOT ALL
YOUR FAULT! AND
SHOUTING THAT ALL
THE TIME ISN'T
DEALING WITH THE
MATTER. IT'S
RUNNING AWAY
FROM IT!

YOU'RE NOT
HELPING ANY-
THING! I'M
OUT OF
HERE!

FINE!
RUN BACK TO
THE ISLAND,
FOR ALL
I CARE!

BLAST IT,
KNUCKLES.
I DIDN'T
MEAN TO
FIGHT WITH
YOU!

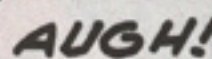
FWASH!



THIS WAS
NOT THE
FIGHT I
CAME FOR
TODAY!



YOU'RE
JUST
WHINING
BECAUSE
I'M
KICKING
YOUR...



AUGH!



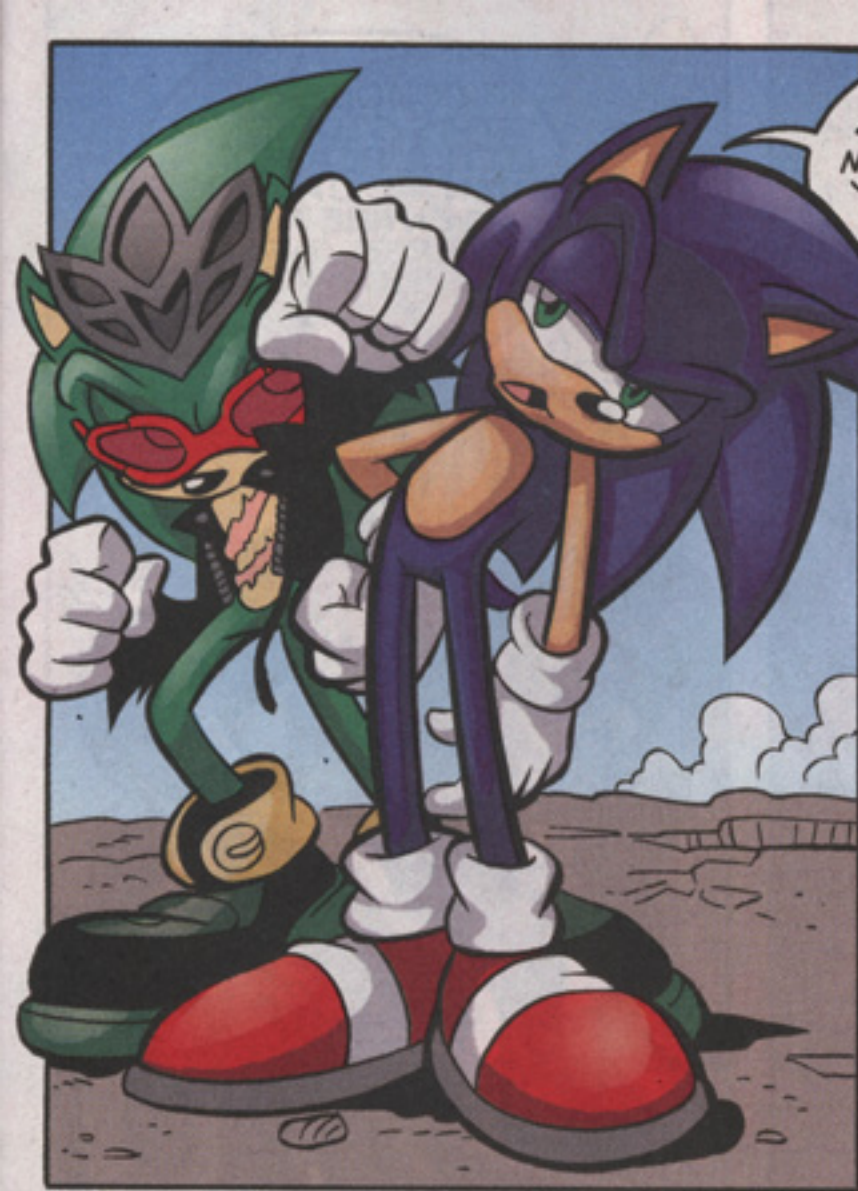
POW



HANG
IN THERE,
METAL
SONIC!



I'M
PUTTING
THE
FINISHING
TOUCHES
ON YOUR
REINFORCE-
MENTS.



Y'KNOW, WHEN I SAID IT WOULDN'T TAKE MUCH FOR YOU TO FIND YOUR FULL POTENTIAL, I MEANT THAT MORALLY.

YOU'RE ME, FOR PITY'S SAKE!

NOT ANY-MORE!

YOU COULD BE A HERO!

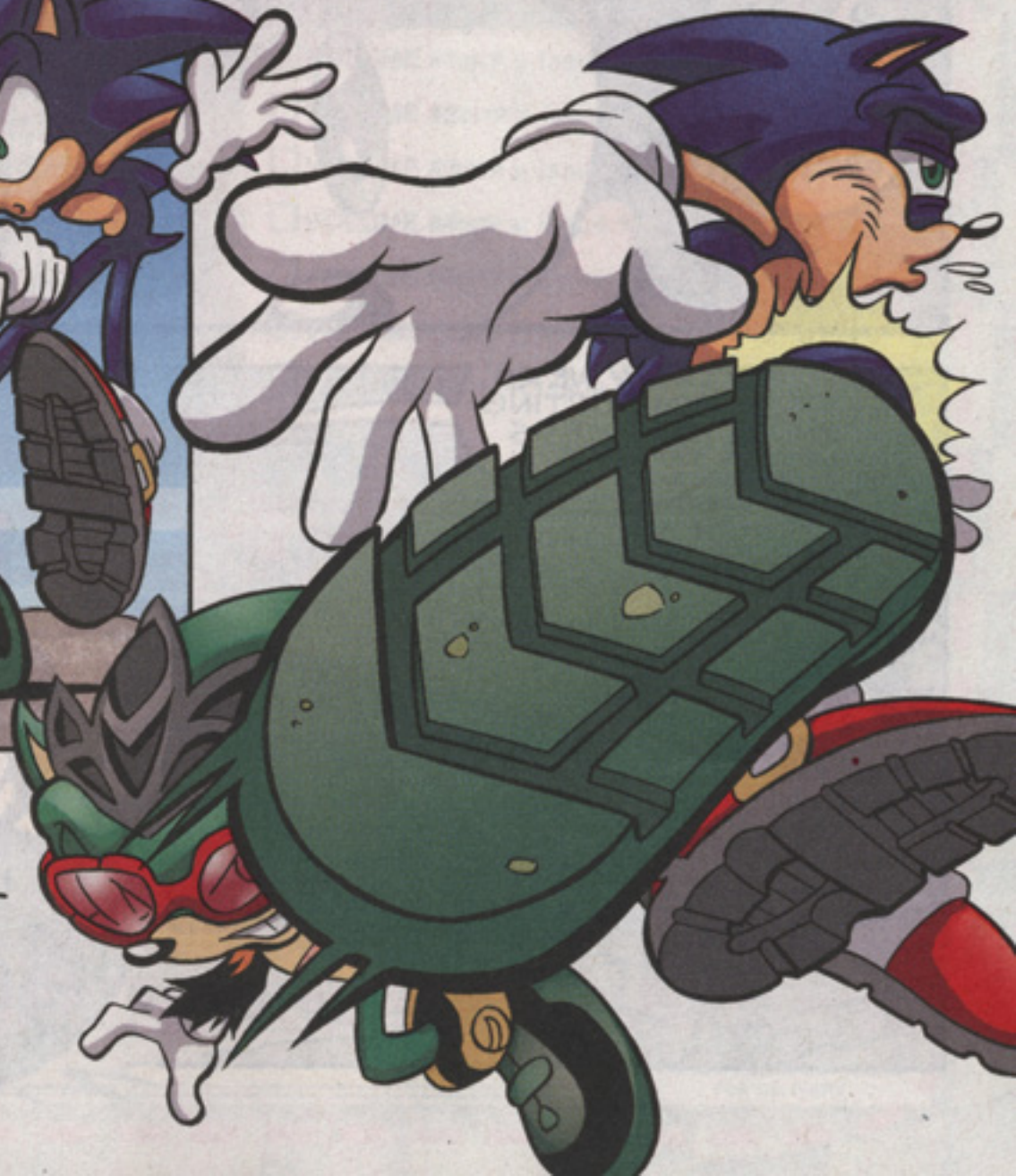
AND WHAT DOES HEROISM GET YOU?

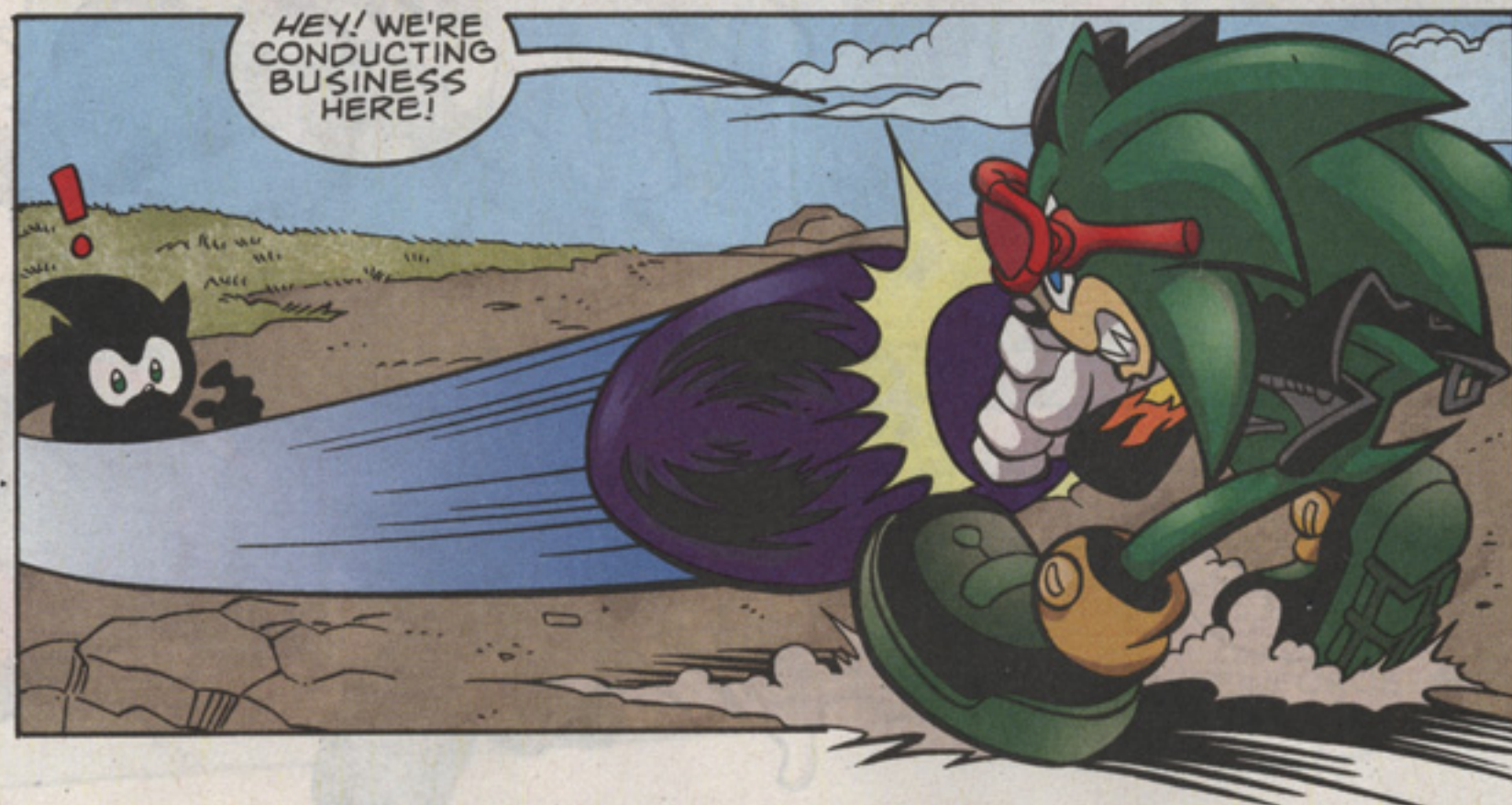


I'M KING OF A WHOLE PLANET! I GOT THAT MY WAY, NOT YOURS!



FOLKS SMILE AND WAVE TO YOU? HA! EVERYONE BOWS TO ME!





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ANGEL ISLAND...

IT SOUNDS LIKE SHE'S MORE WORRIED FOR YOU THAN ANYTHING. WE ALL ARE, LAD.

WHY IS HE SO GRUMPY, ARCHIMEDES?

~SIGH~ HE'S STILL GOT A LOT TO FIGURE OUT FROM BEING ENERJAK.*

*THE EPIC STORY FROM STH #180-184.

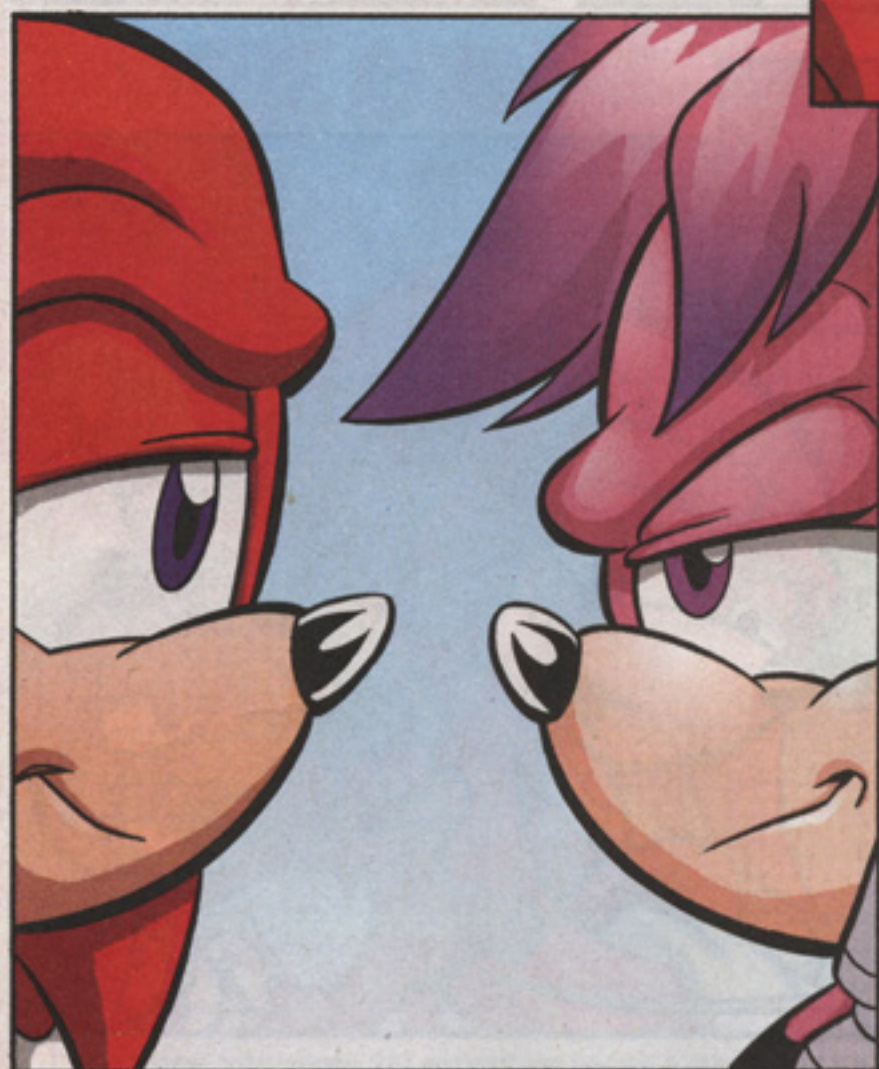
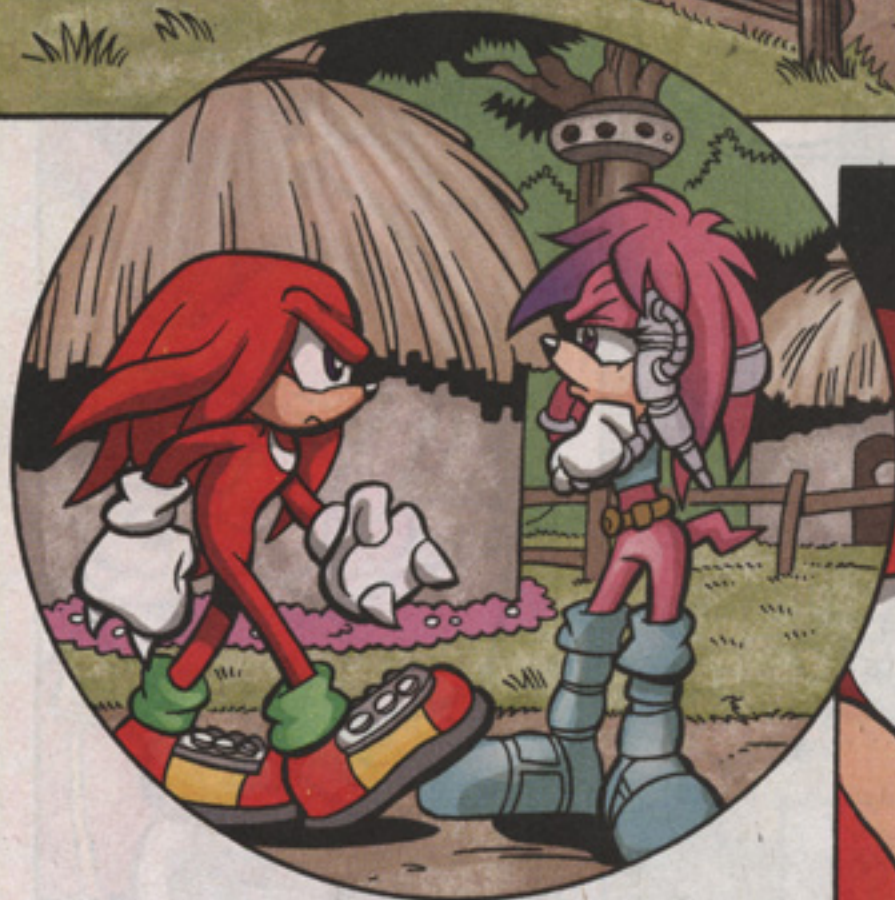
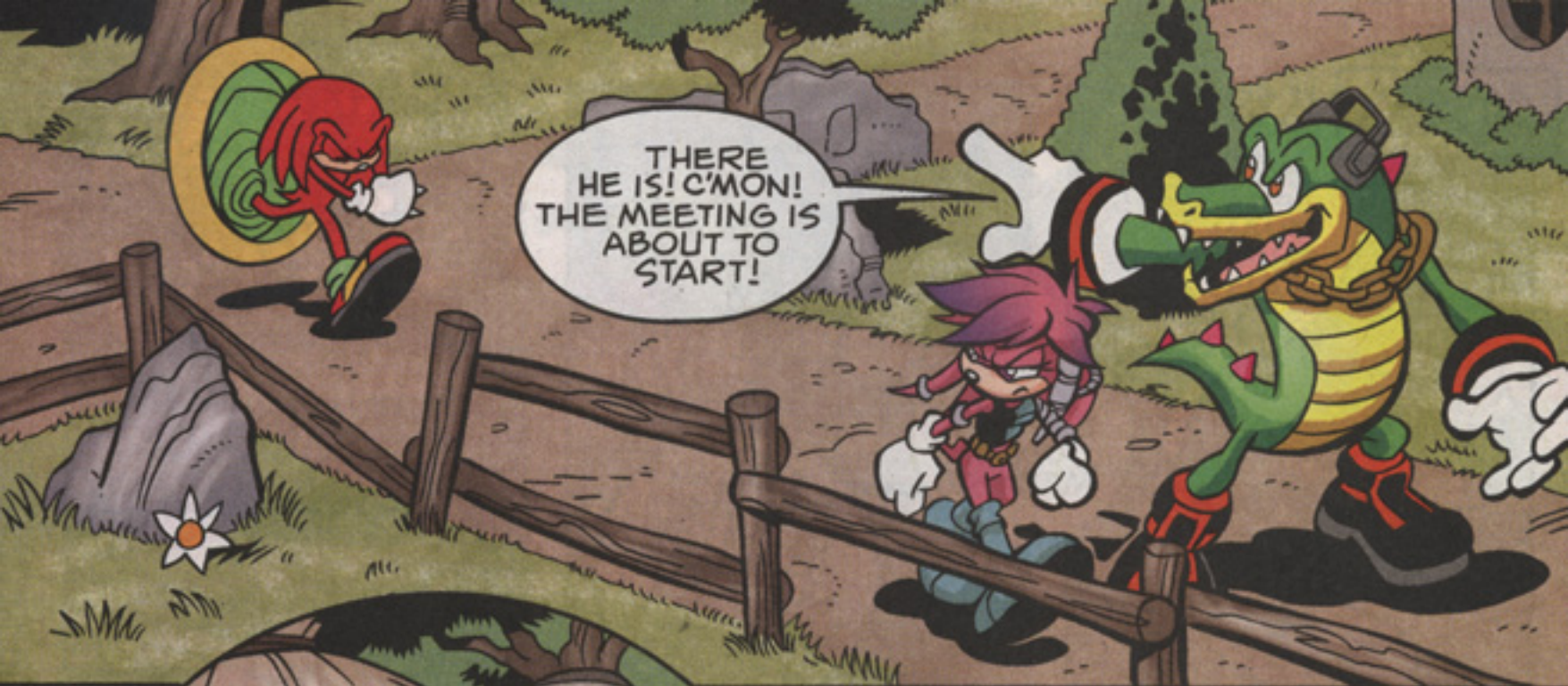
OH, OKAY. Y'KNOW, SOMETIMES MY THOUGHTS GET KINDA MIXED UP, TOO. BUT IF I GET ALL ANGRY ABOUT IT, I'LL JUST GET DISTRACTED. SO I JUST TELL MYSELF, "THERE WILL ALWAYS BE MORE FLOWERS."

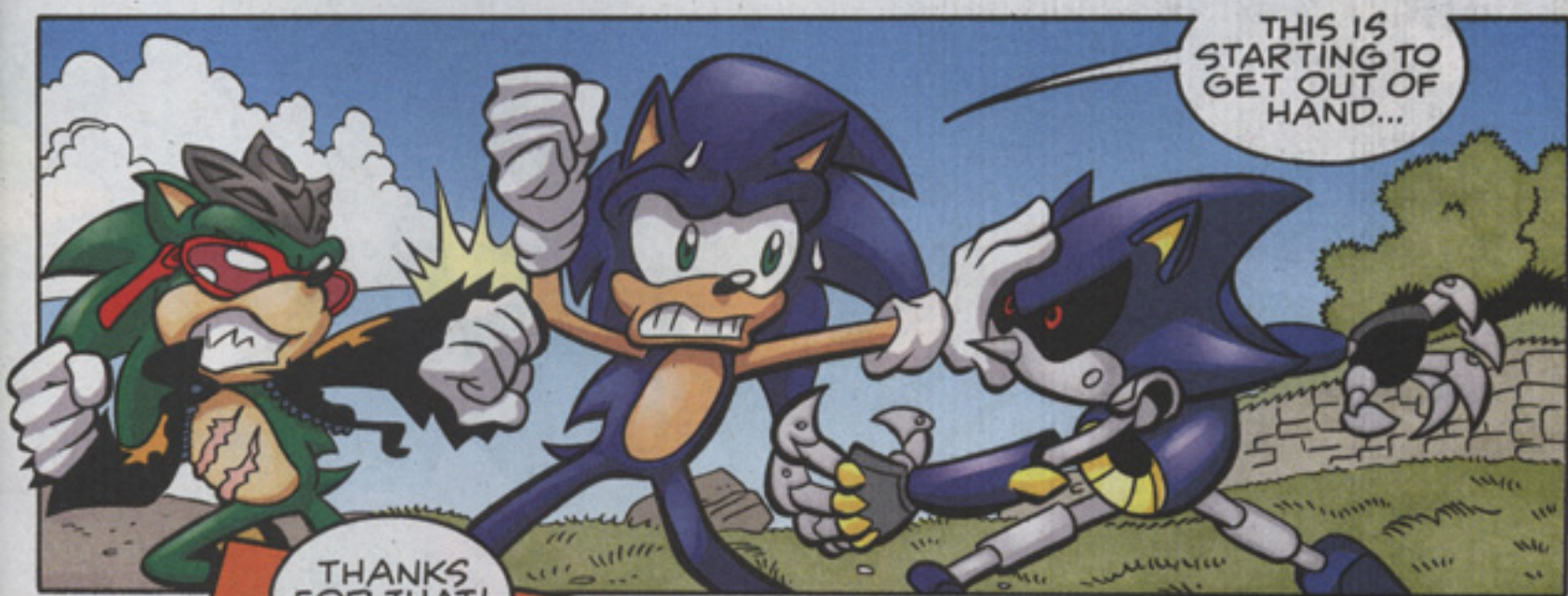


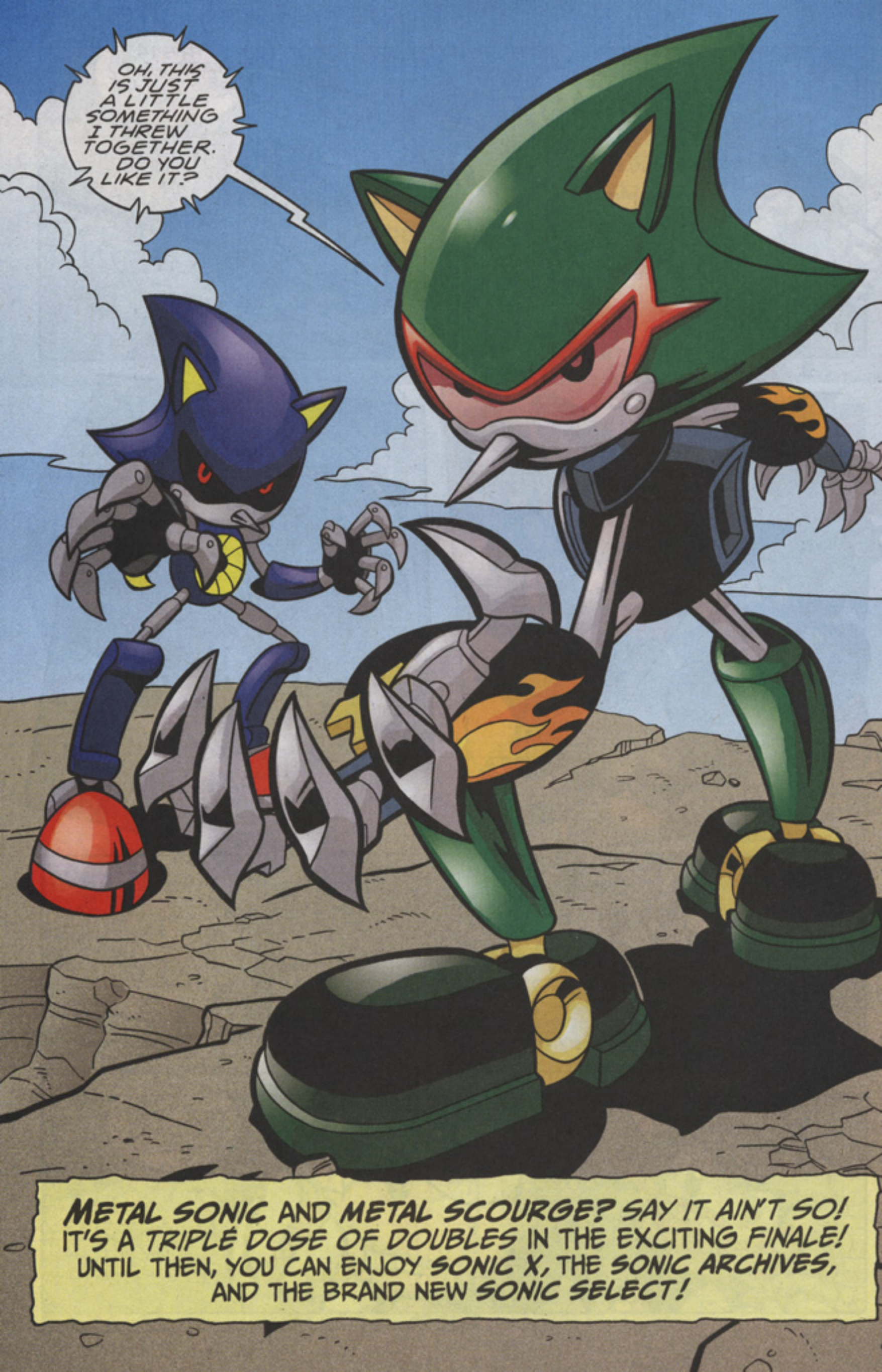
THAT... WAS SURPRISINGLY RELEVANT.

GO ON, LAD. WE'VE GOT THINGS COVERED HERE.









OH, THIS
IS JUST
A LITTLE
SOMETHING
I THREW
TOGETHER.
DO YOU
LIKE IT?

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IN ANOTHER TIME...

IN ANOTHER PLACE...

INVADERS FROM BEYOND

ARE YOU
SURE ABOUT
THIS?

ABSOLUTELY!
THIS IS THE ONLY
CHAOS EMERALD LEFT,
SO THE THIEVES HAVE TO
COME HERE TO GET IT.
WHEN THEY DO -
WE'LL BE READY!

WHY NOT
JUST TAKE THE
CHAOS EMERALD
AND HIDE IT?

BECAUSE I
WANT TO SEE WHO
THESE GUYS ARE
AND TEACH 'EM
A LESSON.

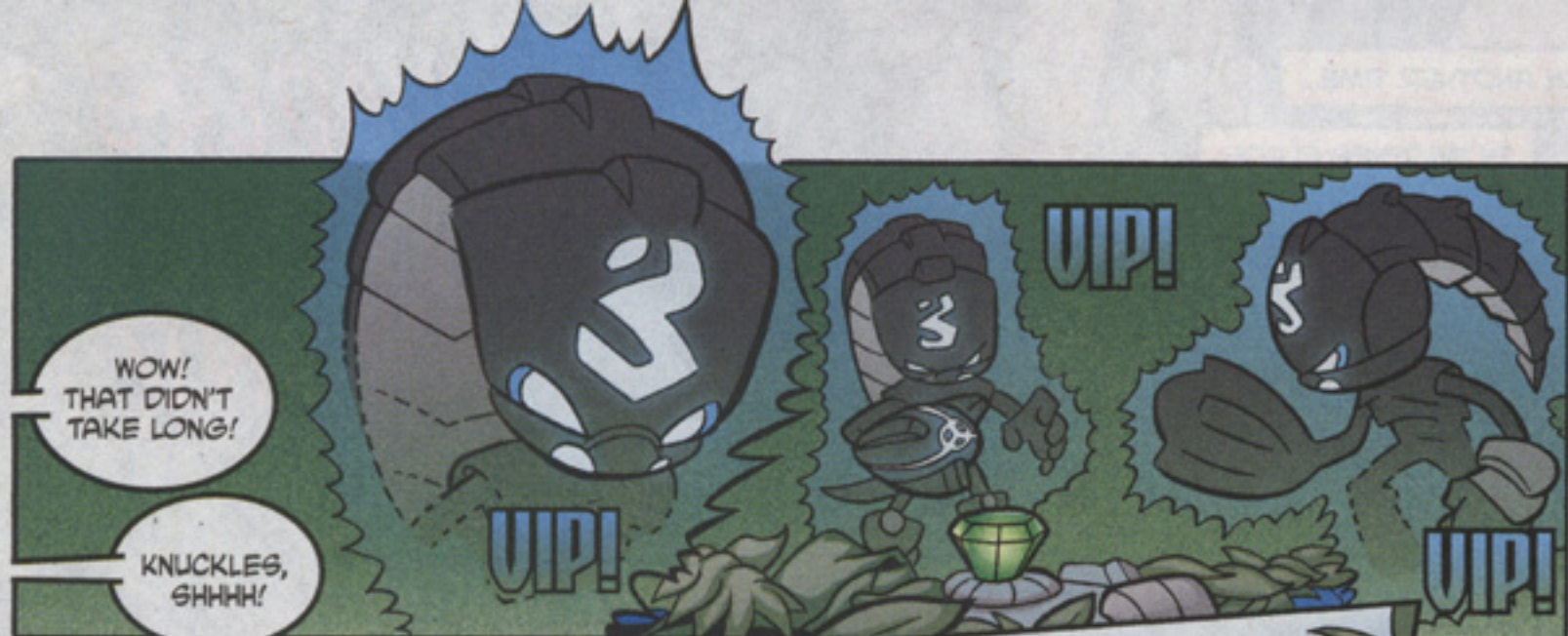
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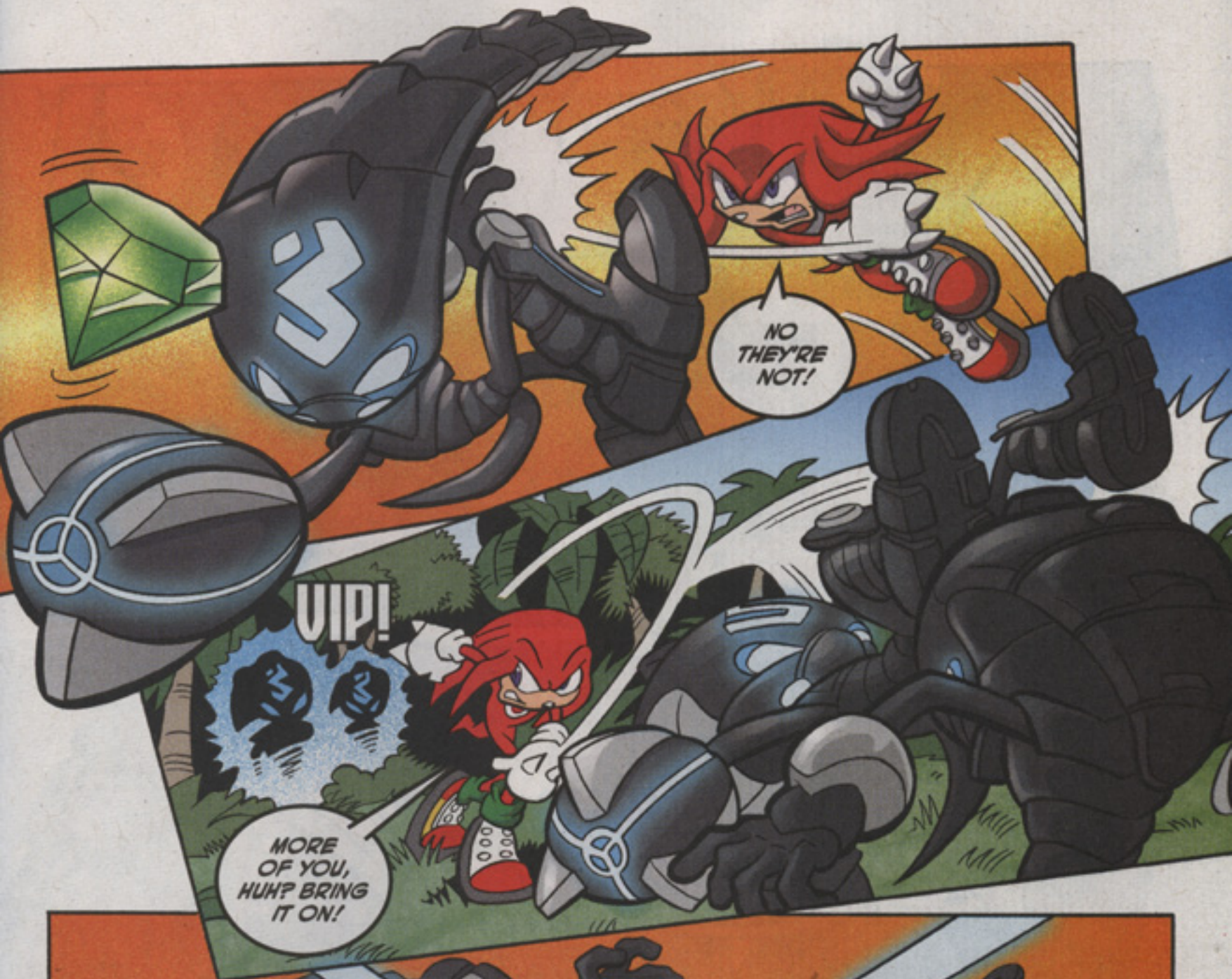
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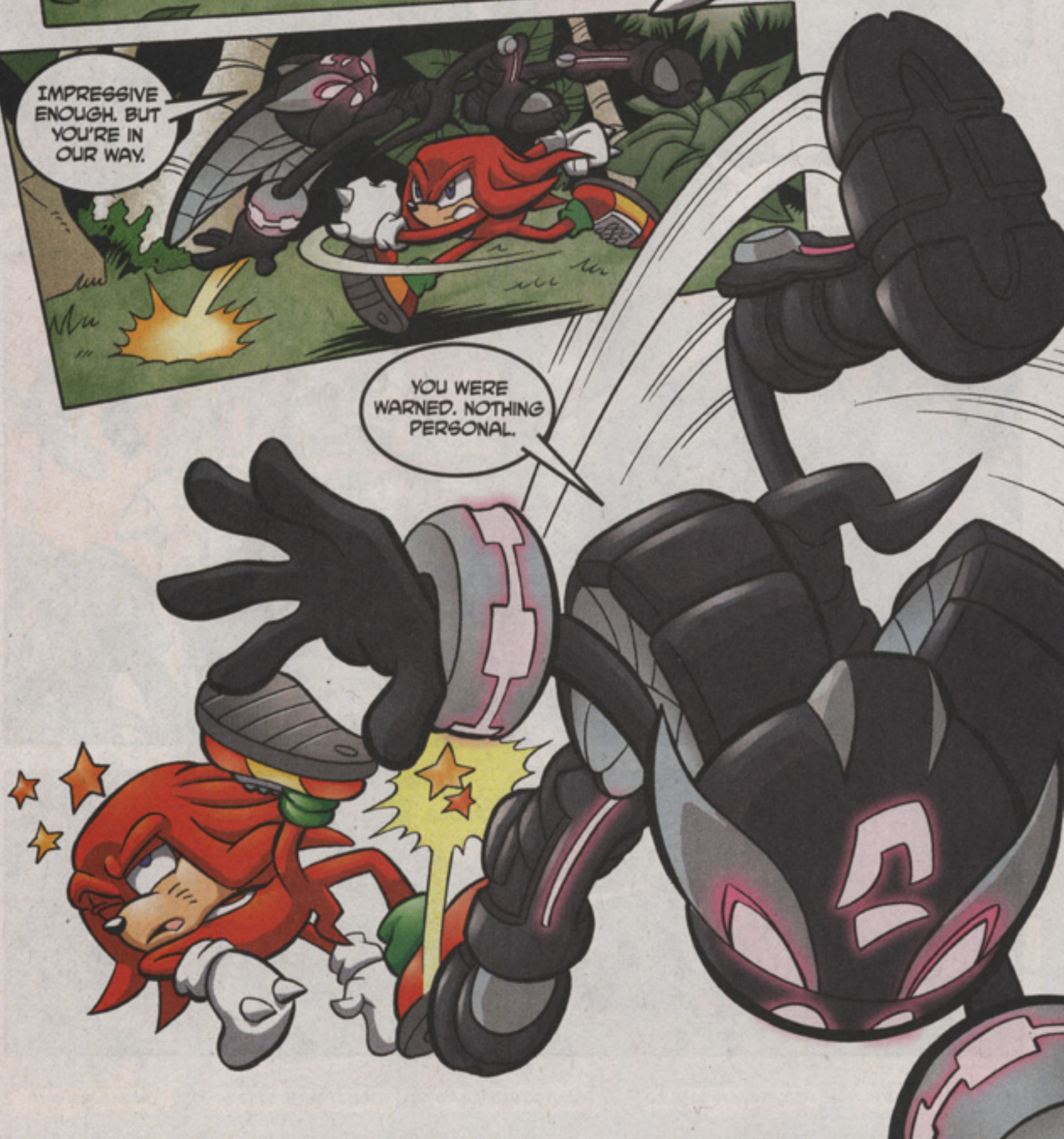
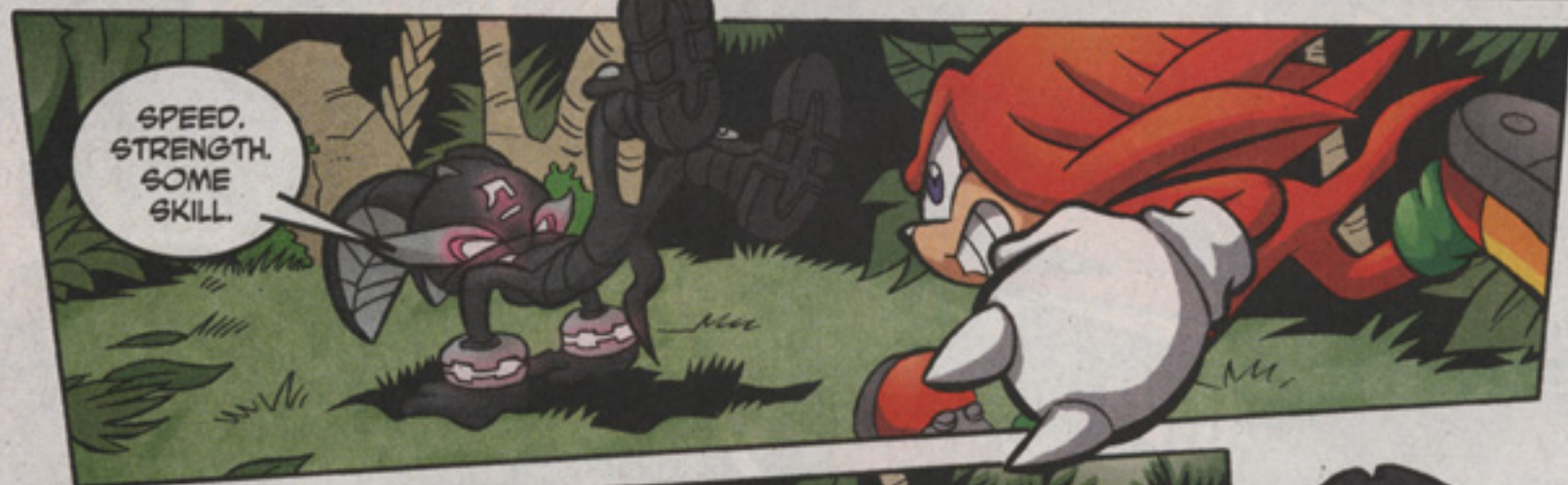
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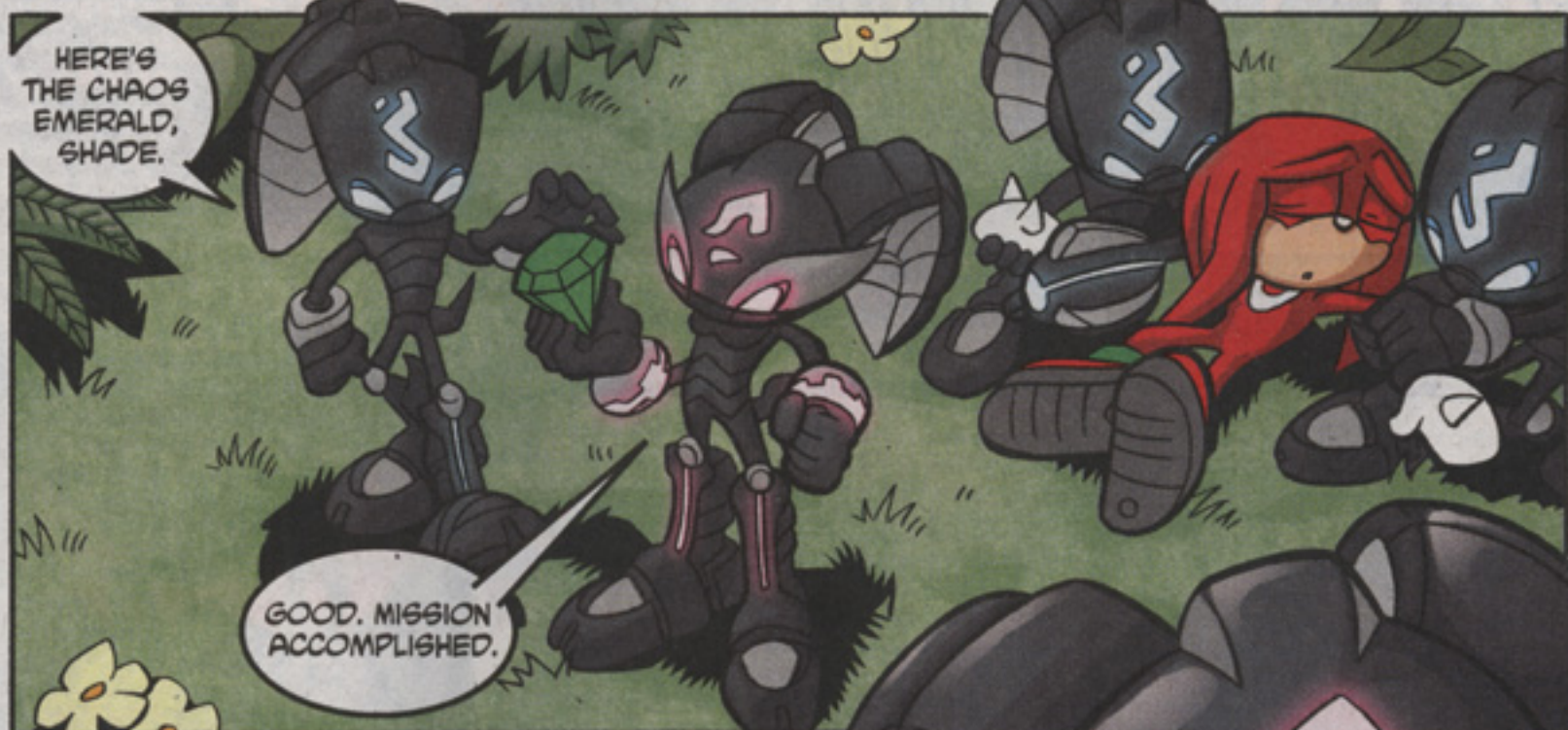
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Dear Sonic-Grams: My name is Phil, AKA "Sonic the Hedgehog." I've always loved Tracy Yardley's artwork. I see it might take time to be Sonic's ultimate fan, but that's not the point.

By George, I think he gets it!

Thanks for bringing back the S.S.S.S.S. Squad from the old "Adventures of Sonic the Hedgehog" cartoon!

Bonus chilidogs if you know what that stands for. (And no cheating!)

Will Fiona marry Tails? (even though for the moment the likelihood is slim) In "Mobius: 25 Years Later", Tails had a kid.

In M:25YL, Tails is married to Mina Mongoose. Talk about a twist! As far as Fiona goes, would you really want to marry someone who a) beat you up, b) dated your best friend, and c) tried to conquer your dimension with an evil doppelganger of said best friend?

Your comic is mentioned in the "Guinness Book of World Records: Gamers' Edition as the longest-running videogame-based comic!

It's true - look it up!

Oh, and remember: Sonic is faster than lightning but quieter than a mouse. He'll be there and back before he's even gone.

- PHIL A., CALIFORNIA

Sonic is poetry in motion!

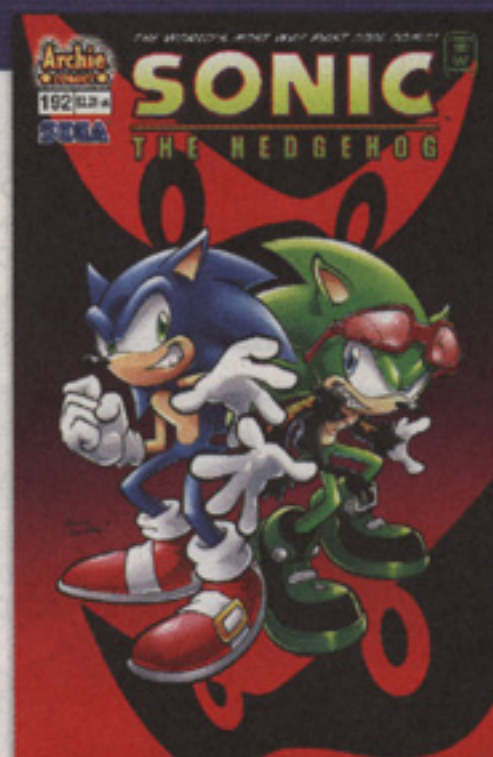
Dear Sonic-Grams: I feel I owe you guys a great deal of thanks for all the stories you've written over the years. I'm twenty years old and I've been reading your comics since I was nine, so I've pretty much grown up in a Sonic world. I've been reading all my old issues of "Knuckles" lately, and I'm just now realizing how much of an impact this character had on me. I'm just not sure you're completely aware how much those stories helped kids ('cause I know it helped me). It gave me something I really needed at that point in my life. For

all the problems my family had, at that age I had no idea how to handle it. But every month there were your comics at the grocery store, and I never, NEVER missed an issue; still haven't. I felt so close to Knuckles' character: my father died when I was really little and the whole idea that though Knux felt alone, and pretty much was, his father was always watching over him, that really meant a lot to me. Those stories have really touched me and will always have a place in my heart. I owe you guys so much and I'll always support you. And if you ever did start writing the "Knuckles" comic again, I'd be the first one to the comic stand to get a copy with tears in my eyes. Keep the comics coming and keep up the good work. "Sonic" comics will always be a part of who I am, no matter how old I get. Thank you for all the good times and the great stories, past, present, and future alike.

- RYAN H., GEORGIA

Thanks, Ryan.

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"Metal & Mettle, Part II" - The battle between Scourge, Sonic, and their metal duplicates rages on as the blue blur is turned on by all sides. That, and we learn more about Dr. Robotnik's sinister hold over the Dark Egg Legion!

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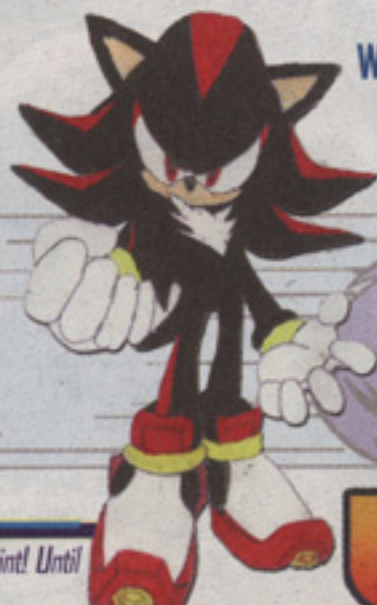
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